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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to express my support for competitive providers in the broadband space. My current internet company, Sonic, provided me with a local option with better quality service at a cheaper price than AT&T or Xfinity.

Fiber internet is critical to my family's day to day activities. We utilize our fiber internet across a myriad of devices in our home for entertainment and educational purposes. Additionally I need access to high speeds to work from home.

Big phone and cable companies tend to limit their number of speed options and capitalize on a lack of competition in order to gouge consumers and force them to pay more money for worse quality service. This is frustrating for consumers and in some ways allows them to monopolize on markets in which they have worked hard to fund lobbying to push for legislation that allows them to take advantage of honest hard working people.

I am extremely satisfied with my fiber internet provider and the low cost at which I am able to keep paying. My service is better due to the company being local and wanting to compete with my business. When I have technical support issues (rarely) there is always someone local who is there to pick up my call and help. This means a tremendous amount to me as a consumer.

Internet is a necessity in this day and age, and having options helps to ensure that consumers do not get taken advantage of.

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